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RECOMMENDED READING
For REA Employees

(Any of this material, as well as other co-op literature not listed here, may be borrowed from the REA Library in Room 507)

Easy Reading

1. Rural America Lights Up. by Harry Slattery
National Home Library Foundation, Washington, D. C.
This very readable book by the Administrator of REA tells dramatically the story of the farmers' struggle to obtain rural electrification. It covers the period from 1910 on, shows how and why REA was born, and in how many ways it serves the farmers, gives numerous examples of how power company opposition has been met and points the way to the future growth of rural electrification. Every REA employee should be familiar with the facts brought out in this book.
2. Cooperation, The Plan for Tomorrow Which Works Today. by H. H. Hannan
Simply but well written; deals with both producer and consumer cooperation; shows how cooperatives can be an important factor in strengthening the democratic form of society; contains a description of the Nova Scotia program.
3. Cooperative Rural Electrification in the United States. by Udo Rall
Pan American Union, Washington, D. C., 1940
Describes the REA program, discusses the steps in organizing, constructing and operating an REA cooperative enterprise, the functions of management, board and members, and how farm families can get the maximum benefit out of rural electrification.
4. The Story of Toad Lane. by Stuart Chase
A very short leaflet; gives a fascinating account of how the first successful cooperative was started in 1844.
5. How St. F. X. University Educates for Action. by M. M. Coady and others
The Cooperative League, New York, 1935
Describes the educational methods used for developing cooperatives in Nova Scotia and explains how cooperative self-help can raise the standard of living of the common people. An inspiring pamphlet.
6. Cooperatives in the U. S. - A Balance Sheet. by Maxwell S. Stewart
Public Affairs Committee, Inc., 1939
Describes the present status of consumer cooperation and discusses its relation to other economic problems.
7. Cooperatives. by R. A. Goslin
The Foreign Policy Association, New York, 1937
Easy reading. Large print. Has many pictorial charts. Tells about cooperatives in America, Sweden and Denmark.
8. "The Lord Helps Those...." by Bertram Fowler
Special Cooperative League edition.
An inspiring account of self-help through cooperation, as found in Nova Scotia by a visiting American journalist.

For Those Who Want to Know More

9. Cooperative Democracy. by J. P. Warbasse
A comprehensive book on the philosophy of cooperation and on its practical application by the former president of the Cooperative League of the United States.
10. Cooperative Enterprise. by Jacob Baker
Vanguard Press, New York, 1937
A very readable book telling what cooperatives are, what they do, how they operate, how they fit into the national picture. Also has a chapter on cooperative reading material and a good index.
11. Consumer Cooperation in America. by Bertram Fowler
A traveling journalist tells in very readable style about recent cooperative developments in America as he saw them with his own eyes.
12. Report of the Inquiry on Cooperative Enterprise in Europe.
A government publication. An exhaustive study of cooperatives in Great Britain, France, Denmark, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Norway and Sweden; deals with principles, history, management problems, educational activities, labor relations; etc.; contains much statistical information.
13. Consumers' Cooperation in the United States. by Florence E. Parker
Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., 1938. This survey made by the Department of Labor, gives information on the extent and the operation of all types of consumers' cooperatives, including store, telephone, credit, insurance, gasoline, housing, medical, burial and other service cooperatives.
14. A Statistical Handbook of Farmers' Cooperatives.
Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C., 1938
This book gives the results of a nation-wide survey of all types of farmers' cooperatives.
15. ABC of Cooperatives. by Gerald Richardson
Cooperative League edition, 1940
This book is based on practical experience in Eastern Canada. It explains in short, simple sentences how successful cooperatives can be developed by means of study groups. It covers both producer and consumer cooperatives and offers a series of questions for use of study groups. It is an excellent cooperative primer.